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H. R. 5730

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each prosthetic and orthotic clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2008

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISPLAY OF INJURED AND AMPUTEE VET-**
4 **ERANS BILL OF RIGHTS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall ensure that the Injured and Amputee Vet-
7 erans Bill of Rights described in subsection (b) is dis-

1 played prominently in each prosthetic and orthotic clinic
2 of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 (b) INJURED AND AMPUTEE VETERANS BILL OF
4 RIGHTS.—The Injured and Amputee Veteran Bill of
5 Rights described in this subsection is a sign stating that
6 injured veterans should have the following rights:

7 (1) The right to access the highest quality pros-
8 thetic and orthotic care, including the right to the
9 most appropriate technology and best qualified prac-
10 titioners.

11 (2) The right to continuity of care in the transi-
12 tion from the Department of Defense health pro-
13 gram to the Department of Veterans Affairs health
14 care system, including comparable benefits relating
15 to prosthetic and orthotic services.

16 (3) The right to select the practitioner that best
17 meets their orthotic and prosthetic needs, whether or
18 not that practitioner is an employee of the Depart-
19 ment of Veterans Affairs, a private practitioner who
20 has entered into a contract with the Secretary of
21 Veterans Affairs to provide prosthetic and orthotic
22 services, or a private practitioner with specialized ex-
23 pertise.

24 (4) The right to consistent and portable health
25 care, including the right to obtain comparable serv-

1 ices and technology at any medical facility of the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs across the country.

3 (5) The right to timely and efficient prosthetic
4 and orthotic care, including a speedy authorization
5 process with expedited authorization available for
6 veterans visiting from another area.

7 (6) The right to play a meaningful role in reha-
8 bilitation decisions, including the right to receive a
9 second opinion regarding prosthetic and orthotic
10 treatment options.

11 (7) The right to receive appropriate treatment,
12 including the right to receive both a primary pros-
13 thesis or orthosis and a functional spare.

14 (8) The right to be treated with respect and
15 dignity and have an optimal quality of life both dur-
16 ing and after rehabilitation.

17 (9) The right to transition and readjust to civil-
18 ian life in an honorable manner, including by having
19 ample access to vocational rehabilitation, employ-
20 ment programs, and housing assistance.

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